

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (currently amended): A flat panel monitor frame, comprising:

a plurality of frame sections suitable for bordering a flat panel monitor, the frame sections comprising: a frame top; a frame right side extending downward from the frame top; and a frame left side extending downward from the frame top; top, at least one section mountable on a wall independently of the flat panel monitor:

at least one ~~planar~~ speaker residing in at least one of the frame sections; and

a conductor for electrically coupling the at least one ~~planar~~ speaker to a source of at least one speaker signal associated with the flat panel monitor.

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Claim 2. (currently amended): The flat panel monitor frame of Claim 1, wherein the at least one ~~planar~~ speaker comprises at least one right ~~planar~~ speaker mounted in the frame right side and at least one left ~~planar~~ speaker mounted in the frame left side.

Claim 3. (currently amended): The flat panel monitor frame of Claim 1, wherein the at least one ~~planar~~ speaker comprises at least one ~~ribbon~~ speaker chosen from the group of speakers comprising a ribbon speaker, a quasi-ribbon speaker, an electrostatic loudspeaker, a distributed mode loudspeaker, and a conventional speaker.

Claim 4. (canceled).

Claim 5. (canceled).

Claim 6. (canceled).

Claim 7. (currently amended): The flat panel monitor frame of Claim 1, further including a

~~plurality of removable grills at least one removable grill disposed over the at least one planar speaker.~~

Claim 8. (currently amended): The flat panel monitor frame of Claim 1, wherein the at least one planar speaker is mounted in an aluminum extrusion.

Claim 9. (original): The flat panel monitor frame of Claim 1, wherein a planar speaker processing circuit resides in at least one frame section of the plurality of frame sections.

Claim 10. (Canceled).

Claim 11. (Canceled):

Claim 12. (currently amended): The flat panel monitor frame of Claim 1, wherein the at least one planar speaker comprises at least one right planar speaker being mounted in the frame right side and at least one left planar speaker being mounted in the frame left side, and at least one planar speaker being mounted in the frame top each of the frame sections have at least one speaker mounted therein.

Claim 13. (original): The flat panel monitor frame of Claim 1, further including a frame bottom.

Claim 14. (canceled).

Claim 15. (original): The flat panel monitor frame of Claim 1, further including a removable replaceable trim.

Claim 16. (original): The flat panel monitor frame of Claim 15, wherein the removable replaceable trim comprises wood.

Claim 17. (currently amended): A frame system for a flat panel monitor, comprising:

a frame including a speaker portion and a trim portion, the frame comprising: a frame top section; a frame right side section extending downward from the frame top; and a frame left side section extending downward from the frame top; , at least one section mountable on a wall;
5 a back support board attached to the frame, said back support board adapted for supporting the flat panel monitor;
a plurality of planar speakers residing in the speaker portion;
a plurality of removable and replaceable grills disposed over the speaker portion; and
a removable and replaceable trim disposed over the trim portion.

Claim 18. (currently amended): A speaker and frame system for a flat panel monitor, comprising:
a frame comprising: a frame top section; a frame bottom section; a frame right side section connected between the frame top and the frame bottom sections; and a frame left side section connected between the frame top and the frame bottom sections; at least one section mountable on a wall;
5 at least one right planar speaker housed in the frame right side;
at least one left planar speaker housed in the frame left side; and
at least one top planar speaker housed in the frame top.

Claim 19. (original): The system of Claim 18, further including at least one circuit for processing at least one speaker signal for the at least one right planar speaker, the at least one left planar speaker, and, the at least one top planar speaker.

Claim 20. (new): The flat panel monitor frame of Claim 2, wherein the at least one speaker comprises at least one speaker chosen from the group of speakers comprising a ribbon speaker, a quasi-ribbon speaker, an electrostatic loudspeaker, a distributed mode loudspeaker, and a conventional speaker.

Claim 21. (new): The flat panel monitor frame of Claim 1, wherein each of the frame sections have at least one speaker mounted therein.

Claim 22. (new): The flat panel monitor frame of Claim 21, wherein the at least one speaker comprises at least one speaker chosen from the group of speakers comprising a ribbon speaker, a quasi-ribbon speaker, an electrostatic loudspeaker, a distributed mode loudspeaker, and a conventional speaker.

Claim 23. (new): The flat panel monitor frame of Claim 17, wherein the plurality of speakers comprises two or more speakers chosen from the group of speakers comprising a ribbon speaker, a quasi-ribbon speaker, an electrostatic loudspeaker, a distributed mode loudspeaker, and a conventional speaker.

Claim 24. (new) The flat panel monitor frame of Claim 23 further having an electronic circuit for power conditioning and audio/visual processing, said processing comprising one or more functions chosen from the list of functions comprising music and movie surround decoding, tuner functions, pre-amplifier functions, power amplifier functions, remote control receipt and processing, input signal selection, and display of control information on the flat panel monitor.